

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

DENOUNCING POLITICAL PERSECUTION, ESPECIALLY THAT OF DR. SIMONE GOLD

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to denounce political persecution.

As of Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 860 people have been charged with crimes for actions on January 6, 2022. A large percentage of these people were peaceful protestors who did not even know they were violating the law.

As long as defendants groveled to the judges by renouncing their support of Donald Trump and insisting that he made them do it, they received plea deals of little or no jail time. If not, you might find yourself in jail for seven years, as happened with Guy Reffitt, whose son the Department of Justice encouraged to turn against his father. Another man, activist Brandon Straka, who did not even enter the Capitol on January 6th, was given the choice by the FBI to either admit to saying an incendiary remark he in fact did not say, or go to trial.

Perhaps the person most hated by the Deep State was Dr. Simone Gold. Not only did she have a problem with massive electoral fraud, she also was a leader in combatting COVID-19 misinformation. That is a bad twofor. Anyone who dares to speak out against a dangerous, deadly, and useless vaccine or abusive and illegal lockdowns that led to countless deaths and immeasurable suffering deserves maximum cancellation.

A judge sentenced her to prison for two months just for trespassing. She remained completely peaceful throughout her brief time in the Capitol. And now she fears for her safety and has complained of terrible treatment by prison officials, as have so many January 6 defendants—whose constitutional rights to due process and a speedy trial have been shredded and annihilated.

The left gets on its high horse about human rights abuses by the likes of Putin and deservedly so. But what about our own secret police and rotten justice system who pick and choose who to prosecute based on political beliefs? Hillary, Hunter, Peter Stroz, Lisa Page, Andrew McCabe, Black Lives Matter and antifa rioters, and those who destroy pregnancy care centers are free to egregiously break the law however they please. But innocent people like Michael Flynn, Steve Bannon, Roger Stone, Donald Trump, and the majority of January 6 defendants must go to jail.

If all protestors who trespassed in D.C. were thrown in a D.C. gulag for six months or several years, that would be one thing. Democrat activists have invaded the Senate floor and halted official business. No one went to jail. Democrat activists illegally stalked and harassed conservative Supreme Court justices, and no one went to jail. Indeed, the halls of the Capitol have been subjected to leftist sit-

ins, demonstrations, and other misbehavior for decades, and no one was sentenced to months or years in prison. Further, just recently, members of a film crew for the left-wing activist Stephen Colbert were caught vandalizing a house office and trespassing. They then lied to Capitol Police. All charges were dropped and they spent no time in a D.C. gulag. But conservative or Trump-supporting protestors who also trespassed on federal property have faced the full force of the law. This bifurcated treatment is a sign of corruption.

Our judicial system is broken. The FBI must be abolished. Irresponsible and corrupt DOJ officials must be purged, starting with Merrick Garland.

The United States is in an existential crisis between the forces of persecution, thuggery, and violence—administered and enforced by an unholy alliance of the long arm of the State and left-wing terrorists—and everyday Americans who want to live their life, raise a family, and worship their God. The only question is who will win. And time is running out.

LILLIAN CLAMENS

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Staff Sergeant Lillian LaDae Clamens, who was born on May 9, 1972, in Omaha, NE. As a proud graduate of Omaha's Central High School, Lillian enlisted in the United States Army, and served as an Administrative Assistant Specialist from 1990 to 2007, eventually attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant.

During this time, she served at stations in Korea, Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, Germany, Fort Sill in Oklahoma, and is a combat veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While enlisted, she took advantage of her travels where she encountered many different people and made lots of friends from diverse cultures. She greatly valued the different perspectives on life she learned from the people she met.

Lillian was also an adored mother. She gave birth to her first son Ayinde in 1993 and later remarried to Sergeant Raymond Clamens and had two more children, Lana and Vitoria. As a devoted wife and a role model to her children, family was always at the center of her life.

On October 10, 2007, Staff Sergeant Lillian Clamens was tragically killed by a mortar attack on Camp Victory in Baghdad, Iraq. At the time, she was 35 years old and had already served 17 years. Sergeant Clamens was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart.

From the people who knew her best, Lillian was known as a woman who loved everyone who crossed her path and she demonstrated that when she sacrificed her own life to save

others during the attack before she was tragically killed herself. As a soldier, she demonstrated the courage to defend American freedom, so that democracy may continue to grow and prosper for future generations to come.

This past spring, I was glad to see the City of Omaha honor our hometown hero by renaming a stretch of Caldwell Street as "Lillian Clamens (Cobbin) Street". The renaming of this North Omaha street near where she grew up, will ensure our community carries on her legacy and brings recognition to Sergeant Clamens' heroic service and sacrifice for others. We owe Lillian and her family a debt of gratitude that we can never repay.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LOUISIANA JUMPSTART COALITION

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Louisiana Jumpstart Coalition for being awarded the State Coalition of the Year for 2022 by the Jumpstart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy. Financial literacy is crucial to the education of high school students as they prepare for life's next steps. Under the leadership of state coalition president Baine Grimes, Louisiana Jumpstart Coalition has taken the lead in making sure high school students are equipped with the tools and resources to achieve financial independence.

Despite a range of challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic to Hurricane Ida, Louisiana Jumpstart Coalition remained engaged with Louisiana students and businesses to continue the financial education program. Even starting new initiatives with Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome of East Baton Rouge Parish to host city-wide financial literacy education workshops. Additionally, in partnership with Jumpstart Financial Inclusion Initiative, the Louisiana Jumpstart Coalition developed a pilot program in three parishes to continue its mission of increasing financial literacy.

Again, I offer my congratulations to the Louisiana Jumpstart Coalition for its work on promoting financial literacy and investing in our students' futures.

REMEMBERING MR. ANTHONY "TONY" BRUSCATO

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in memory of Mr. Tony Bruscatto, a passionate public servant and member of the 11th

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